SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Sir, has it come to rhe knowledge of the Government that racketeers operate? We want full help tc the small-scale industries but there are rackiteers operating, who masquerade as smai -scale operators. There are operators in tie small-scale industry who take all the advantages. May I know from the Minster whether, earlier when they had conceded that there were rackets being operated in this area, they have taken any stringent measures, whether they have prosecuted anyone, whether they have taken actual action in the past against such racketeers?

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE; Do you have a small-scale unit?

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: Sir, we have come across instances of abuse of facilities like this ana we have t-.ken action wherever it was there and we will continue to do the same. But this should not deviate us from the path of giving relief to the genuine oces. We will take action. So far as racketeers are concerned, Mr. Nirmal Chatterj-se may rest assured that even if it is FERA racketeers we will deal with them.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: I have Inquhed whether Mr. Salve has any small-scale unit... *{Interruptions)...*

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE; Sir, I protest. When I asked about racketeers he has addressed Mr. Nirmal Chatterjee.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Sir. the policy of the Government is to encourage small-scale industries. But I want to know whether, if in the guise of small-scale industries FERA companies and MRTP compares are registered as small-scale indus-li.es. the Government will take action to see that those companies are not registered as ^mall-scale industries.

SiiRf VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH; Sir, we will look into the benami typs of activities where large scale units in lu'ge in it to take benefit as small scale uirts by benami arrangements. We will look into this and try to plug that.

*189. *[The Questioner (Shri Pyarelal Khandelwal) was absen for answer vide col ___ infra].*

National equity fund for tiny sector

*1?0. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the crea-'ion cf a national equity fund for the tiny sect> r: and

(b) if &o, what are the d*.iaiU thereof cind the purpose of this fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) All aspects, including resource availability and othe. alternative approaches of the proposal are under consideration cf the Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questi'o Hour i» over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

C.B.I. investigation into Madras Bank fraud cases

*186. SHRr M. KALYANASUNDA-RAM: Wiil the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of inves tigation by the C.B.I, of the bank fraud cases in Madras involving Shri Robin Mayne and others;

(b) what are the details of charges against the accused;

(c) what are the reasons for the protracted investigation; and

(d) by when the investigation is likely to b_e completed for final prosecution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAN-ARDHAN POOJARI); (a) and (b) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have reported that held investigations in 10 cases against Shri Robin Mayne and others have been completed and Investigation Reports are under certain examination by the CBI; The CBI have further reported that they are making efforts to finalise their reports early;

(b) The CBI have reported that the accused had allegedly availed of loans from several banks at Madras by impersonating in different names and by showing for inspection the same two or three second-hand trucks owned by them to different banks where they availed of loans by changing the number plates, encine numbers and chassis numbers to suit the Registration Certificate Books obtained by them from the transport authorities for non-existing lorries. Thus the vehicles were never purchased from the loans relea-ed by the banks and in this manner different banks were defrau-' ded for different amounts.

(c) The CBI have reported that they hid to collect the records from various banks & this took time. The accused also took the matter to the High Court of Madras challeneing the investigations by the CBI a«d levelling allegations against the Investigation Officer. This petition of the accused was dismissed by the Madras High Court.

Foreign Exchange earned by the Tourism Industry during the year 1985-86

*187. SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA: SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Wiil the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) what is the amount of foreign ex-change earned by the tourism industry during the year 1985-86; and

(b) what is the quantum of foreign exchange utilised during the above period by the approved sectors of tourism industry both in the public and private sectors?

THE MIN1TSER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The figures of foreign exchange earnings are complied by the Reserve Bank of India. The latest provisional estimate of a earnings from tourism is available for the year 1984-85 and is Rs. 1300 crores.

(b) According to tentative reckonings, the amount of foreign exchange utilised by the approved sectors of tourism industry out of their incentive quota during the year 1984-85 was Rs. 10.07 crores excluding the utilisation of general quota by ahe private sector.

लक्ष्मी रतन कपड़ा मिल, कानपुर में कुप्रबन्ध और भ्रष्टाचार

*189. **श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को जनवरी, 1986 में एन0 टी0 सी0 मिल्स स्टाफ यूनियन, कानपुर (उत्तर प्रदेश) से लक्ष्मी रतन कपडा मिल, कानपुर में कुप्रबन्ध, भ्रष्टाचार और घाटे के संबंध में कोई शिकायत पत्र प्राप्त हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त पत्र में अंतर्विष्ट मख्य शिकायतें क्या-क्या है और क्या सरकार ने मामले की जांच कराने हेतु कोई कार्यवाही की है; और